

Remarks

Claims 1-6, 8-9 and 21-32 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

The method claims, Claims 1-6, 8-9 and 29-30, have been allowed.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

The computer readable medium claims, Claims 21-28 and 31-32, have been rejected under Section 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Independent Claims 21, 27, 28 and 31 have been amended to recite a computer program stored on the computer readable medium.

With regard to the Examiner's assertion that there is no functional relationship between the body of these claims and "providing information corresponding to a document" in the preamble, Applicants note that the body of each claim refers either to pages (Claims 21-26, 29 and 31-32) or to a document (Claims 27 and 28). Pages are constituent parts of a document and a document is a document. Applicants respectfully submit, therefore, that a functional relationship exists between the preamble and the body of each claim (even assuming such a specific functional relationship as that noted by the Examiner is required under Section 101).

Applicants note that similar language appears in the method claims, all of which have been allowed. While Applicants disagree with the Examiner's position, Applicants have no objection to amending all of the independent claims to delete "providing information corresponding to a document" from the preamble if the Examiner feels such amendments really are necessary to meet the requirements of Section 101.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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